

REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2010. Applicants gratefully acknowledge allowance of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 23 and 25-28. Claims 7, 8, 19, 20, 24 and 29-34 stand rejected. Each of the rejected claims has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer for the sole purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 7-8 and 29-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, and as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps.

Without conceding the merits of the rejection, Applicants have cancelled these claims without prejudice or disclaimer solely to facilitate issuance of a patent directed to the allowed claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 19-20 and 24 are rejected on the basis that the specification fails to provide an enabling disclosure for the claimed subject matter.

Without conceding the merits of the rejection, Applicants have cancelled these claims without prejudice or disclaimer solely to facilitate issuance of a patent directed to the allowed claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23/2825 under Docket No. M1100.70002US00 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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